

BUCKLOW RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

AND

SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1950.

RURAL DISTRICT OF BUCKLOW.

Health Department Staff

Medical Officer of Health:

DONALD LONGBOTTOM, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Senior Sanitary Inspector and Cleansing Supt:

JOHN P. KERSHAW, C.S.I.

Additional Sanitary Inspector:

P.DARBYSHIRE, M.S.I.A.

Clerk-Typist:

Mrs. J.E.NAYLOR.

Statistical Summary.

Area of District in Acres 31st. December, 1950. 45,994.
Registrar General's Estimate of Civilian Population. 11,390.
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1950) according to rate books, 3,159
Rateable value £72,488.
Sum represented by a penny rate £291.
Birth Rate per 1,000 living, - - - - - 12.8
General Birth Rate (England and Wales) - - - - 15.8
Death Rate per 1,000 living, - - - - - 9.2
General Death Rate (England and Wales) - - - - 11.6
Number of women dying, in or in consequence of childbirth. 0.
Number of women dying in or in consequence of Puerperal Fever. 0.
Deaths under 1 year in proportion to 1,000 Births, - - - - - 34.2
Deaths under 1 year in proportion to 1,000 Births throughout
England and Wales, - - - - - 29.8
Deaths from Measles, 0.
Deaths from Whooping Cough, 0.
Deaths from Enteritis (Under 2 years old) 0.
Deaths from Cancer, 14.
The total number of deaths from all causes was 105 of which 5 were
children under 1 year old.

BUCKLOW RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

19, Station Buildings,
ALTRINCHAM.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you my Annual Report
as your Medical Officer of Health for the year ending 31st. December,
1950.

The Statistics given in this Report show, in my opinion,
a very satisfactory year.

Excellent Co-operation between the Divisional Staff and the
Department has ensured the smooth working of services.

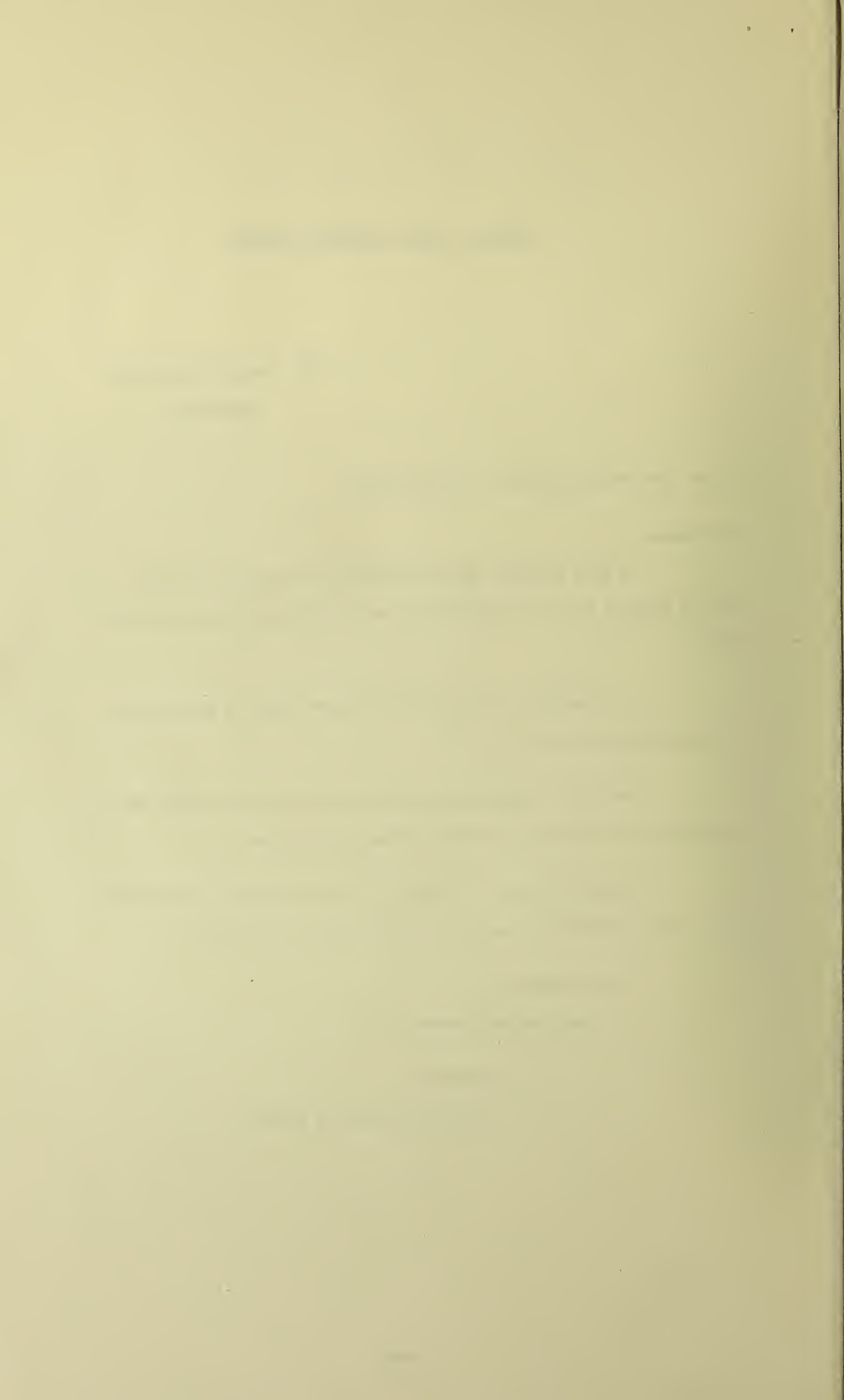
Thanks are due to the Staff of the Department for the work
at all times and their co-operation in producing this Report.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

D. LONGBOTTOM.

Medical Officer of Health.



S T A T I S T I C S.

Population.

The Registrar General's estimate of population for mid-year 1950 is given as 11,390 being, an increase of 590 as compared with the previous year.

The following shows the number of births and deaths during the year:-

Births.

Live Births	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Birth Rate.</u>
Legitimate	68	70	138)	12.8
Illegitimate . . .	2	6	8)	
Still Births . . .	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	
Legitimate	-	1	1	
Illegitimate . . .	-	-	-	

Deaths.

Number of deaths are set out as follows:-

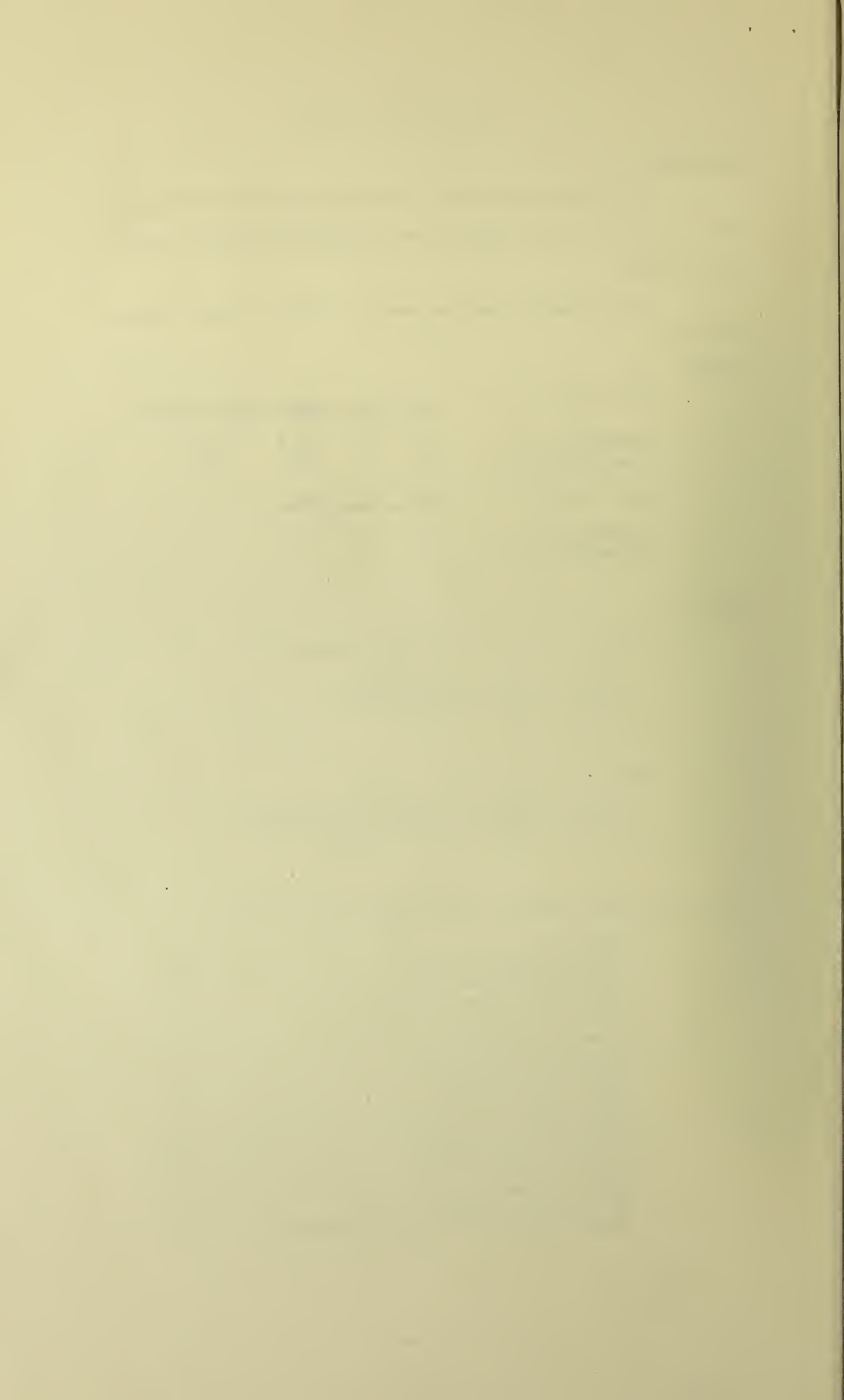
<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Death Rate.</u>
68	37	105	9.2

Deaths of infants under 1 year:-

<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 Births.</u>
4	1	5	34.2

The following table shows the cause of Death at all Ages:-

Influenza	1
Cancer, Malignant disease	14
Organic heart diseases	23
Other dis. of circ. system	2
Bronchitis	10
Pneumonia (all forms)	1
Congenital malformations	1
Road Traffic Accidents	2
Other violent causes	4
Tuberculosis	2
Other Respiratory Diseases	2
Coronary disease, Angina	14
Diseases of Nervouse System	10
Ulcer of Stomach	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1
Other defined and ill defined diseases	17



Statistics (cont'd)

The deaths of infants under 1 year were due to the following causes:-

Congenital Malformations	1.
Other Causes	4.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

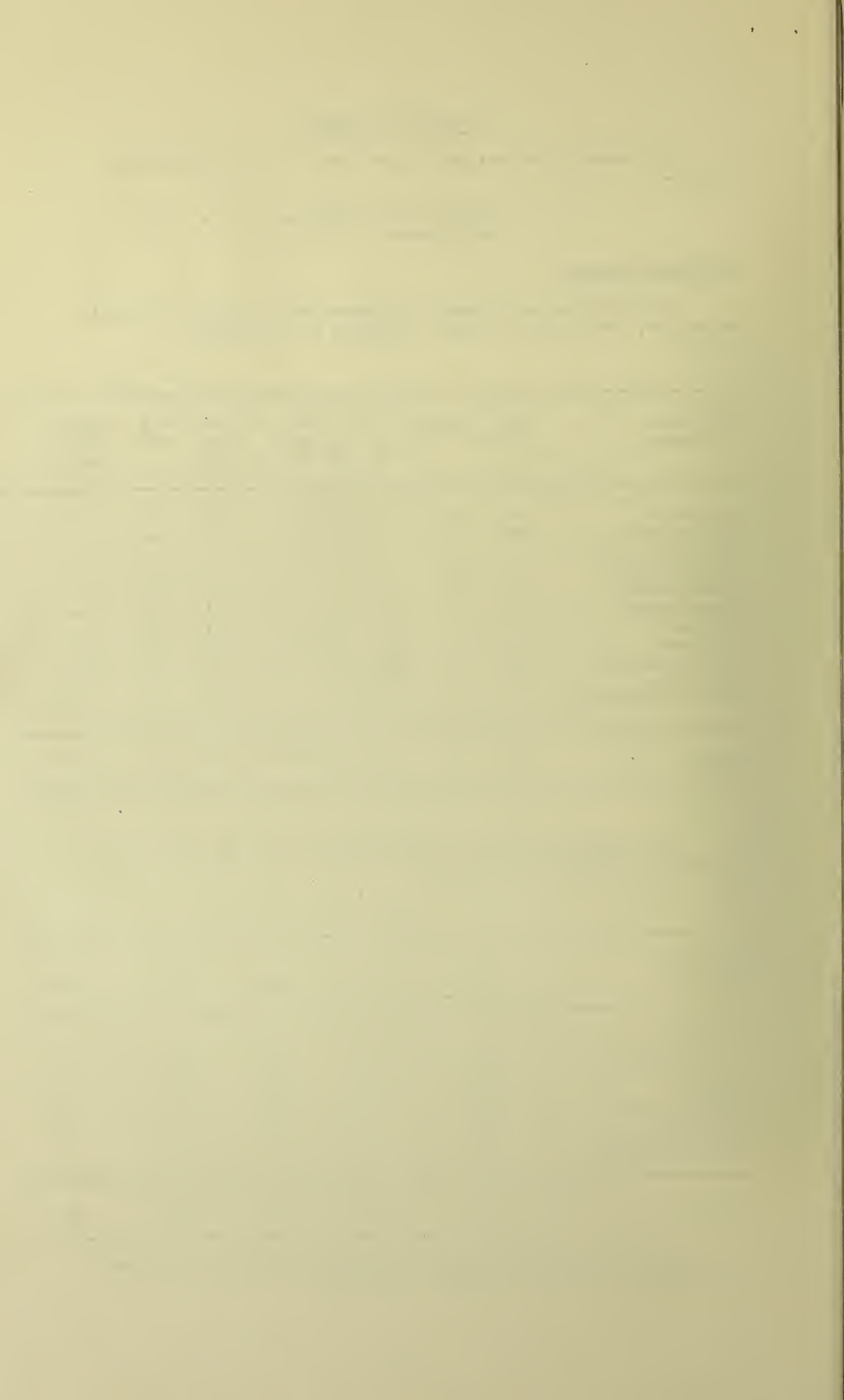
The following table shows all diseases notified under the Public Health Act, 1936 during the year, classified in age groups:-

Notifiable Disease.	All ages	Under 1 yr.	1 to 5	5 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 45	45 to 65	65 & over	Removed to Hospital
Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.	57	-	7	29	10	11	-	-	1
Pulmonary) Tuberculosis)	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Non-Pulmonary) Tuberculosis)	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Measles	10	-	4	4	1	-	1	-	-
Pneumonia	4	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-
Whooping Cough.	18	1	10	7	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Total:	94	1	21	40	13	13	6	-	2

The following table shows comparisons for the last five years (Excluding members of H.M.Forces):-

Notifiable Disease.	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
Diphtheria	6	1	2	-	-
Scarlet Fever	13	5	10	134	57
Pneumonia	2	6	6	6	4
Measles	15	87	144	56	10
Whooping Cough	12	9	29	3	18
Erysipelas	3	2	1	1	-
Puerperal-Pyrexia	1	1	-	-	-
Total:	52	111	192	200	89

In all cases notified enquiries have been made by the Department and disinfections carried out where necessary.



Diphtheria Immunisation.

The Immunisation Scheme commenced in 1939 has continued satisfactorily and the following children have completed a full course during the year.

0 to 5 years	31
5 to 14 years	9
	40

It is again very gratifying to be able to mention at this point that no case of diphtheria has occurred in the area since May, 1948.

Tuberculosis.

The following tables show the number of cases notified during the year, and the figures according to the register at the close of the year:-

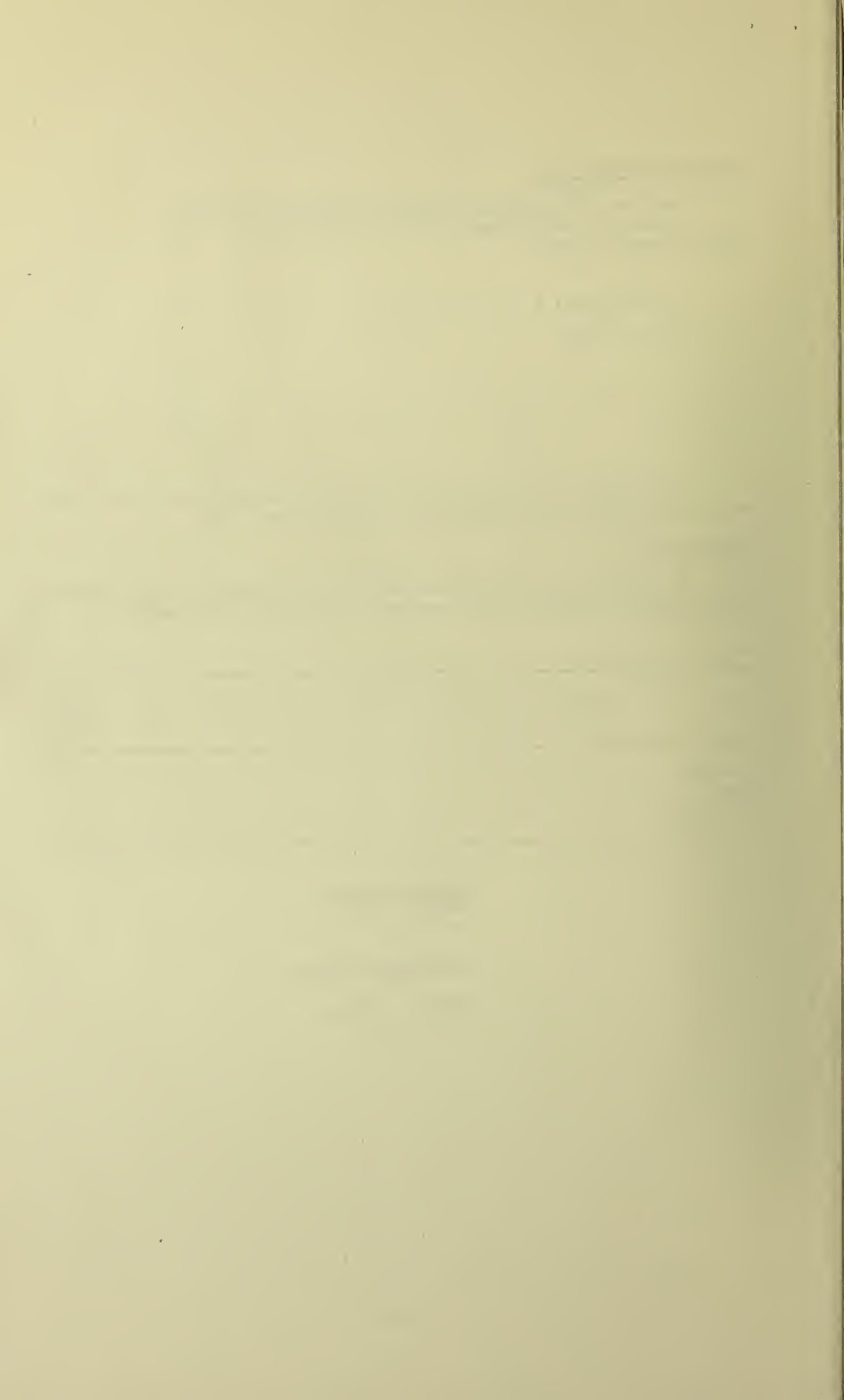
	1 to 5		15 to 25		25 to 35		35 to 45		45 to 65		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Pulmonary	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
Non-												
Pulmonary.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	-

Pulmonary Cases.

Males 22)
Females 17) 39

Non-Pulmonary Cases.

Males 12)
Females 8) 20.



Hospital Accomodation.

Hospital Treatment is now available through the Divisional Health Office.

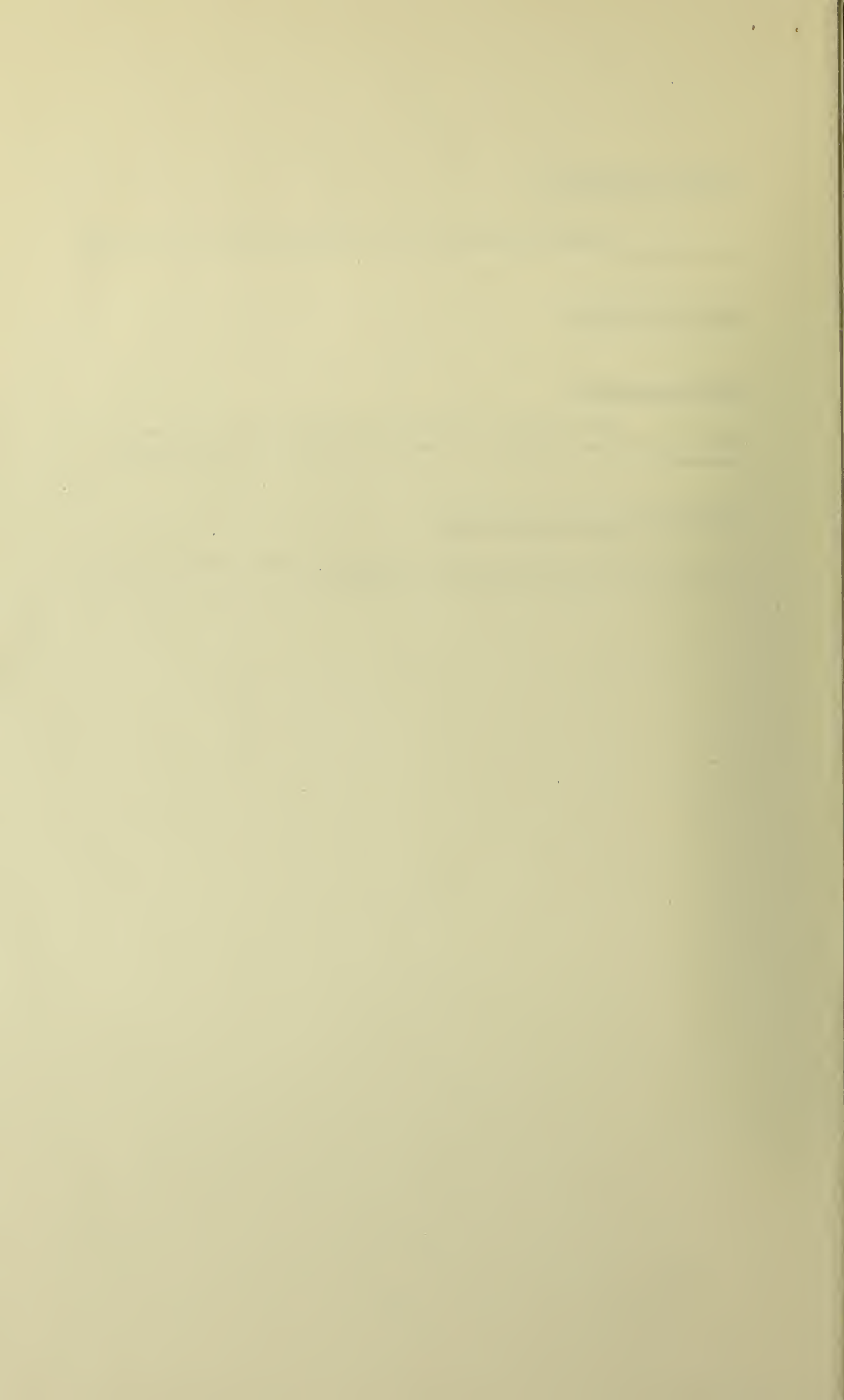
AMBULANCE SERVICES.

Infectious Diseses.

This service is included in the arrangement referred to under the previous heading, the same being provided by the hospital concerned.

Non-Infectious and Accident Cases.

The Ambulance Service appears to be very satisfactory and is controlled by the Divisional Medical Officer.



Bucklow Rural District Council.

19, Station Buildings,

ALTRINCHAM.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Report for the year 1950.

Repairs and improvements to properties have continued during the year and the Staff have given all advice and assistance possible to Owners.

Thanks are due to Mr. Snaw, Engineer and Surveyor and Mr. Ackerley, Finance and Rating Officer, for information supplied and also my Staff for their continued co-operation and loyalty.

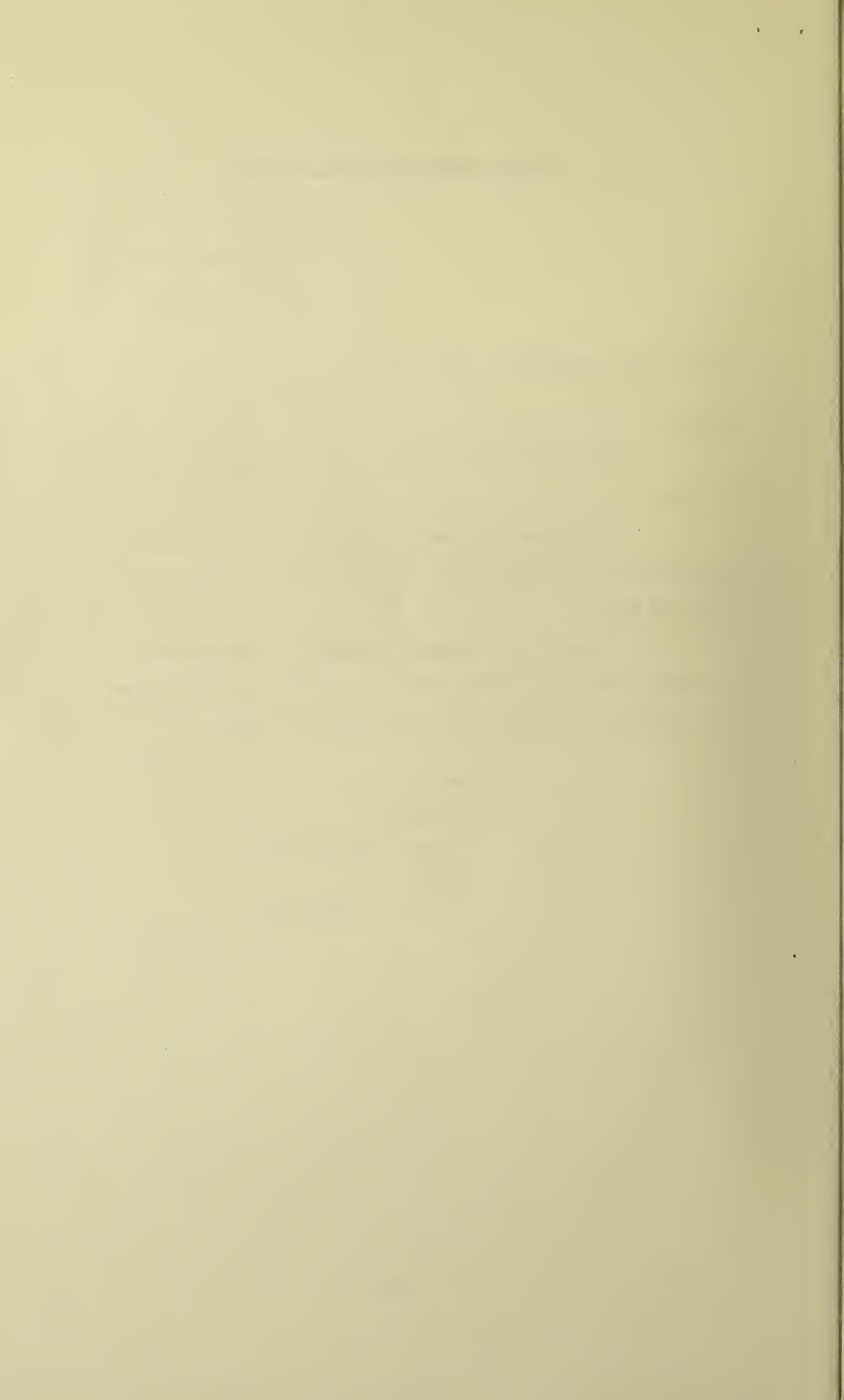
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Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. P. KERSHAW.

Sanitary Inspector.



SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supplies.

Water supplies throughout the area have been found to be very satisfactory.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Defective drains have been found and dealt with at several properties during the year and many new installations have been provided.

Sanitary Accommodation.

The following is as close an estimate as possible of the accommodation in the area:-

	Water Closets	1780
	Pail Closets	940
<u>Dustbins.</u>	Dustbins	2000
	Dry Ashpits	90
	Wet Ashpits	130

It is still the aim of the department to endeavour to obtain conversion to W.C.'s as soon as Sewage Schemes can be completed but the delays, which are outside the control of the Council, are regrettable.

Cleansing.

The Department is responsible for the collection and disposal of Refuse. During the year labour difficulties have been more pronounced than for some time.

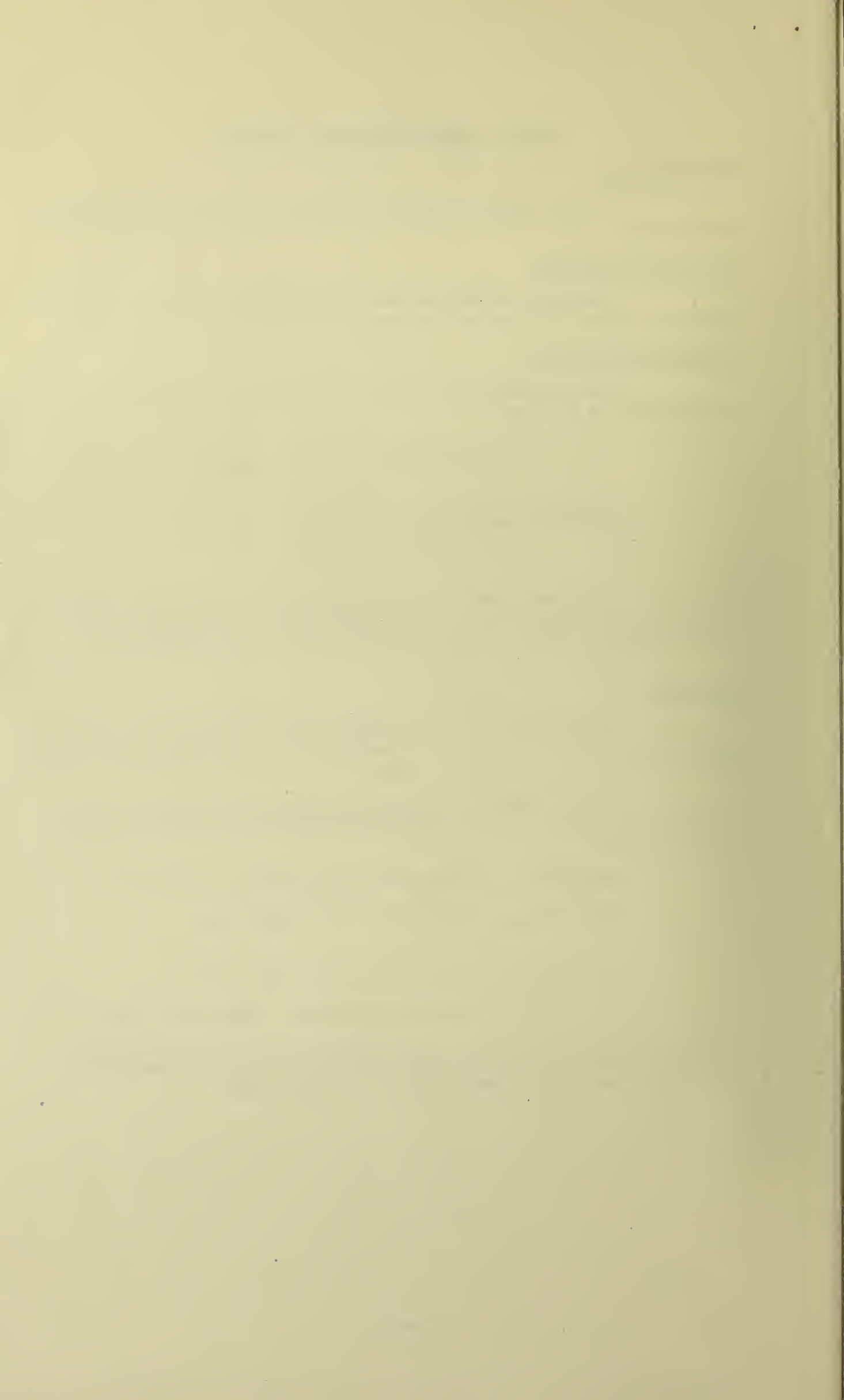
It is pleasing to record that during the year it was still possible to maintain a weekly collection of Dustbins and Sanitary Pails, as in pre-war days.

The collection is carried out by mechanical vehicles.

The following Transport is used on this work:-

1. - 1944 Long Wheel Base 2 Ton Austin Truck.
2. - 1948 Ford Refuse Collectors (7 Cubic Yard Bodies).

The two Ford vehicles continue to give every satisfaction and the Council took delivery of a new Fordson Refuse Collector at the end of the year to replace the Austin open Truck as from 1st. January, 1951.



Cleansing (contd).

the
Refuse disposal is by tipping and/Council have tips situate
in the Parishes of Peover, Pickmere, Warburton and Great Warford which is
situate within the area of Macclesfield Rural District.

The following table shows the amount of work carried out:-

	Houses visited.	Ashpits cleared.	Dustbins emptied.	Middens cleared.	Pails emptied.	Loads removed.
Dunham Massey.	8640		9170		2855	107 $\frac{3}{4}$
Mobberley.	22933	3	22121	16	10253	285 $\frac{3}{4}$
Partington.	12768	4	11036	82	4359	119 $\frac{3}{4}$
Ashley.	3454		3390	26	2254	56 $\frac{3}{4}$
Ringway.	2016		1860	2	1466	28 $\frac{1}{2}$
Carrington.	6823		6184		2950	75
Warburton.	3389		3501		2550	53 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bollington.	2742		2554	4	2077	38
Peover. Sup.& Inf.	8600		8571	1	5484	128 $\frac{1}{4}$
Tabley. Sup.& Inf.	4556		4546		3254	71 $\frac{1}{4}$
Mere.	8726		12223		2396	145 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ollerton.	3884		3382		1985	56 $\frac{1}{4}$
Plumley.	6120		5835		1772	63
Pickmere.	5770		5734		5492	71 $\frac{3}{4}$
Millington.	3904		3860	1	1882	58
High Legh.	7657		7104		4533	94
Agden.	1048		923		560	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
Aston-by-Budworth.	1255		1281		682	21 $\frac{3}{4}$
TOTAL:-	114296	7	113275	132	56814	1488.

Infectious Diseases and Disinfection.

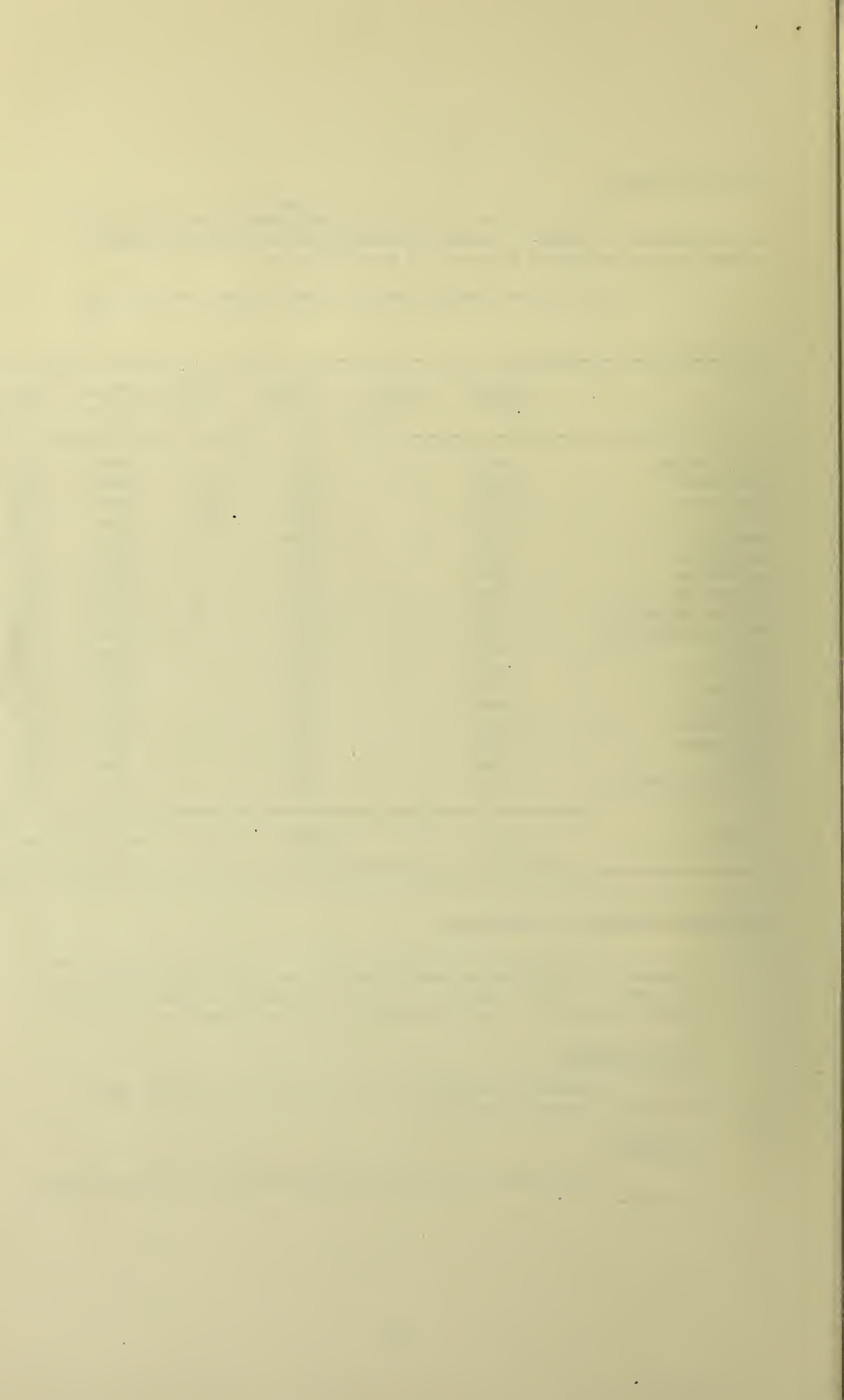
Investigations have been made into all cases of Infectious
Diseases and disinfections carried out by your staff, Disinfection
of houses is carried out free of charge throughout the area on request.
This also applies to disinfection of verminous houses &c.

Smoke Abatement.

Observations have been taken during the year but there
has been no cause for complaint.

Factories.

No formal action has been necessary by the department during
the year.



Offensive Trades.

There are no Offensive trades carried on in the Council's area.

Swimming Baths.

There is one privately owned open-air Swimming Bath in the district and the Council have Byelaws under Section 233 of the Public Health Act, 1936. The Bath was visited periodically during the year and it was found necessary to draw the Owners' attention to the absence of Life buoys at almost the end of the season.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Dwelling-houses (General Inspections)	616
Water Supply	42
Schools	17
Tents, Vans, Sheds &c.	468
Refuse Collection	512
Refuse Disposal	324
Drainage, including Cesspools &c.	479
Ditches, Watercourses &c.	38
Smoke Observations	24
Infectious Diseases, Inquiries and re-Visits	132
Enquiries re Applicants for Houses	312
Miscellaneous Visits	750
Rats Destruction	75

TOTAL: 3789

HOUSING.

General Inspection.

During the year a large number of houses have been inspected for defects. In most cases such defects have been given attention as a result of informal action.

It must be borne in mind, however, that as and when more new houses are available the department should set a much higher standard.

Overcrowding.

Overcrowding is dealt with by the Tenancy Committee of the Council when letting houses as far as possible taking all other conditions into account.

Housing Schemes.

At the close of the year, the following was the position:-

Houses under construction.

Carrington 16 Brick Houses.

Parish of Tabley Superior, 10 Brick Houses.

Ashley Village, 24 Brick Houses and 2 Brick Bungalows.

Plumley, 20 Brick Houses and 2 Brick Bungalows.

The following table shows the number of Council houses already built and under construction:-

<u>Parish.</u>	<u>Houses.</u>	<u>Under Construction.</u>
Carrington.	64	16
Mobberley.	44	-
Partington.	67	-
Warburton.	16	-
High Legh	4	-
Dunham Massey.	10	-
Mere.	12	-
Peover Superior.	10	-
Bollington.	12	-
Millington.	28	-
Tabley Superior.	14	10
Ashley Village.	-	26
Plumley.	-	22
Ollerton.	-	14
TOTAL:-	281	88

During the year work was commenced on Roads and Sewers in connection with the extension of Bucklow Avenue, Mobberley.

During the year under review, 5 (five) new dwellings were completed by private enterprise.

Housing Schemes (contd).

Inspections and investigations have been carried out by the department in 312 cases in connection with applications for Council houses in this and other areas and the results reported to the Tenancy Committee or Local Authority concerned.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Meat and Food Inspection.

Due to arrangements for centralised slaughtering, there is practically no meat inspection carried out in the area.

Rodent Control.

Work has continued by the Health Department staff at non-agricultural properties and the methods employed are those recommended by the Ministry of Food. Results have, been very gratifying during the year.

During the year a further 10% test was carried out on the Council's sewers and as the result was negative, the Ministry of Agriculture gave an exemption for one year.

